

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 22 through 42 are pending in the application. Claims 1 through 21 were previously canceled. Claims 22 through 42 were previously added. Claims 33 through 42 are withdrawn without prejudice.

The Office Action requires Applicants to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits. The Office Action asserts that an election of a single species is required from one of the following species:

Species I, correlating to the embodiment disclosed at paragraph 30, beginning at page 6, line 6 of the specification,

Species II, correlating to the embodiment disclosed at paragraph 51, beginning at page 9, line 8 of the specification,

Species III, corresponding to Fig. 6,

Species IV, correlating to the embodiment disclosed at paragraph 53, beginning at page 9, line 19 of the specification,

Species V, correlating to the embodiment disclosed at paragraphs 149-151, beginning at page 30, line 8 of the specification,

Species VI, correlating to the embodiment disclosed at paragraph 152, beginning at page 30, line 27 of the specification,

Species VII, correlating to the embodiment illustrated in Fig. 17,

Species VIII, corresponding to Fig. 20,

Species IX, correlating to the embodiment disclosed at paragraph 158, beginning at page 33, line 6 of the specification, and

Species X, corresponding to Fig. 16.

Applicants elect **Species III**, with traverse, and thus elects claims 22 through 32 for prosecution on the merits. Claims 33 through 42 are withdrawn without prejudice. If

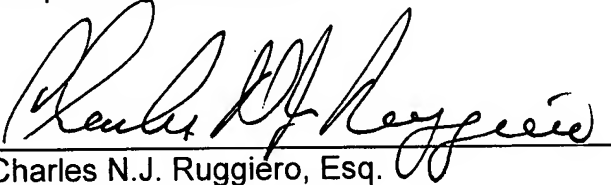
the elected species is found to be allowable, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner rejoin the elected and non-elected species in the allowed claims.

The Office Action indicates that species III corresponds to Fig. 6. Applicants submit that species III not only corresponds to Figure 6, but also corresponds to Figures 1 through 5 and Figures 7 through 12c.

Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and passage of this application to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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